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ARTZT

REF : JUNE 15 CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN DACCA CAO AND MENNARD
USIS NEW DELHI

1. POST HAS CONCLUDED FOLKSINGER JOHNSSHN OFFERS BEUT PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES FOR DACCA AND WILL APPRECIATE BEING INCLUDED IN HER PROPOSED ITINERARY FOR THIS AREA.

2. FOUR DAY VISIT OPTIMUM SO WE MAY SCHEDULE HER FOR AT LEAST TWO PRESENTATIONS, ONE IN DACCA AND ONE IN CHITTAONG, PLUS POSSIBLE LOCAL TV ARRANGEMENT.

3. JOHNSON'S PROGRAM AS PROPOSED IN HER MAY 22 LETTER TO USIS TEHRAN SOUNDS APPROPRIATE TO US. WE FEEL HER PERFORMANCES IN THIS AREA WILL BE EXCELLENT MEANS FOR FIRST CONTACT WITH AUDIENCES HUNGRY FOR U.S. CULTURAL ACTIVITIES AFTER SEVERAL YEARS FAST.

4. UNDERSTAND HER PROPOSED VISIT IS FOR EARLY OCTOBER, PREFERRED TIME FOR US IS FIRST HALF OF SEPTEGGER OR AFTER OCTOBER 21. ALSO UNDERSTAND HER GOING FEE IS \$85 PER CONCERT PLUS PERDIEM AND TRAVEL. ADVISE.

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5. FOR USIA - DACCA ALSO INTERESTED IN GUITARIST ALICE ARTZT,
KNOWING OF HER SUCCESSES IN LATIN AMERICA. ALTHOUGH BELIVE HER
AVAILABILITY A BIT TOO CLOSE TO POSSIBLE SANDRA JOHNSON PROGRAM,
WE ARE ANXIOUS TO BEGIN WITH MODEST PROGRAMS SHOWING AMERICAN
TALENT, ESPECIALLY YOUNG AMERICAN PERFORMERS. IF ARTIST CONCURS
PLEASE PUT DACCA ON ARTZT'S AREA ITINERARY FOR AT LEAST TWO DAY
VISIT. ADVISE AS TO DATES AND COSTS.

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